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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. ON AUG. 26 U.S. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS NOT RPT NOT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT PRESENT TO JUSTIFY WITHHOLDING RELEASE OF SOUTH AFRICAN COAL SHIPMENTS UNDER TERMS OF 19 C.F.R. 12.42(E) (SEE REFTEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARA. 2). COMMISSIONER HAS INITIATED INVESTIGATION INTO

QUESTION OF WHETHER TO TREAT LOW-SULPHUR COAL AS SEPARATE COMMODITY FROM OTHER TYPES OF COAL. INVESTIGATION WILL ALSO SEEK TO DETERMINE IF COAL (OR LOW SULPHUR COAL IF IT IS FOUND TO BE SEPARATE COMMODITY) IS PRODUCED IN SUCH QUANTITIES IN U.S. AS TO MEET U.S. CONSUMPTIVE DEMANDS. IF QUANTITIES IN U.S. ARE FOUND TO BE INSUFFICIENT, RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS IN 19 U.S.C. 1307 WILL NOT APPLY AND IMPORTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN COAL MAY CONTINUE. HOWEVER, IF INVESTIGATION SHOWS SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN U.S., NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR CUSTOMS TO DETERMINE IF SOUTH AFRICAN LABOR PRACTICES EMBODIED IN BANTU LABOR ACT DO CONSTITUTE "INDENTURED LABOR UNDER PENAL SANCTIONS" FOR MINERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. FIRST SHIPMENT OF COAL, 22,000 TONS, HAS ARRIVED IN MOBILE, ALA. AND HALF OF IT ALREADY REMOVED FROM SHIP WHEN UNITED MINE WORKER PICKETS ARRIVED ON SCENE AND LONGSHOREMEN STOPPED UNLOADING OPERATIONS. PICKETS WERE REPORTEDLY WITHDRAWN SHORTLY BEFORE HEARING WAS SCHEDULED AT U.S. DISTRICT COURT CONCERNING REQUEST BY MOBILE STEAMSHIP ASSOCIATION FOR INJUNCTION ORDERING LONGSHOREMEN BACK TO WORK. COUNSEL FOR IMPORTERS EXPECTS UNLOADING TO BE COMPLETED SHORTLY. KISSINGER

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